

OFFICERS QUARTERS
FT. GIBSON, OKLAHOMA

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The cornerstone of this building bears the following inscription: "Erected A.D. 1867 A. S. Kimball Capt. A.Q.M. U.S.A."

Maj. John Joseph Coppinger, commander of the garrison at Fort Gibson immediately after the close of the Civil War, was the first to occupy the new headquarters building with his family. James G. Blaine, father of Mrs. Coppinger, visited his daughter in this building and was confined there at one time by illness.

Gen. William Babcock Hazen and his family lived in this building after the Coppinger's vacated the quarters.

This was a social center of considerable importance during the years the Fort was occupied.

General Hazen died in Washington January 16, 1887 and his widow later married the Spanish American War naval hero, Admiral George Dewey. (Statement by Mrs. C. B. Kagy of Fort Gibson.)

This house originally had walnut paneling in the rooms of the first story. Over the fireplace in the east room was carved this inscription: "Wilst I sat musing the fire burned".

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(Statement by Louise Berry Walker who at one time lived in a house in officer's row, Fort Gibson.)

This building is now owned and occupied by Claude W. Garrett, an attorney of Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The property was acquired through a tax deed. Dr. Otto Rogers, now of Eagle Lake, Texas, owned the property prior to C. W. Garrett.

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